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SUBJECT: MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING JAPANESE POSITION ON
PERMANENT SEAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. JAPANESE COUNSELLOR KATO, YOSHIYA CALLED EMBOFF CONCERNING
CABLE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM GAIMUSHO INDICATING THERE WAS
SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT JAPANESE HAD TOLD FRENCH ABOUT
GOJ POSITION CONCERNING A PERMANENT SEAT ON UN SECURITY
COUNCIL. AMERICAN EMBOFF TOKYO HAD APPARENTLY TOLD GAIMUSHO
OFFICIAL ON BASIS OF REFTEL THAT FRENCH WERE INFORMED JAPAN
DID NOT WISH SEAT, BUT WAS BEING PRESSURED INTO ACCEPTING IT BY
US AND OTHER COUNTRIES. KATO REPEATED THAT JAPANESE HAD INFORMED
FRENCH THAT IT WAS NOT JAPAN WHICH WAS BEHIND THE PROPOSAL ("JAPAN
N'EST PAS LE DEMANDEUR"), BUT NOTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD
MADE THE PROPOSAL (FOR EXAMPLE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH).
THE FLAVOR WHICH JAPANESE WISHED TO CONVEY WAS NOT THAT
THEY WERE UNWILLING, BUT THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO ASSUME A ROLE
WHICH THE LOGIC OF THE WORLD SITUATION WOULD PROVIDE TO THEM
WITHOUT THEIR DEMANDING IT. WE THOUGHT JAPANESE "MODESTY"
RATHER THAN RELUCTANCE WAS CLEAR IN KATO'S REPORT. KATO ASKED
US TO MAKE SURE MISUNDERSTANDING WAS CLEARED UP.

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2. IF THERE ARE OTHER SUBJECTS IN REFTEL WHICH ARE NOT
CLEAR, EMBASSY TOKYO MAY WISH TO ASK US FOR CLARIFICATION.
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